

## **BOBA COMMUNITY RIVER PROJECT**

In 2004, U.S. Embassy Kinshasa funded seven Ambassador's Special Self Help Fund projects which aimed to improve socio-economic conditions in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. One project set out to prevent flooding in three communities located along the banks of the N'djili River in Kinshasa.

These communities received grants from the Ambassador's Special Self Help Fund. They agreed to provide technical and physical assistance in order to build dikes along the river. The Boba community worked together and was successful due in part to the support of the wise, hardworking chief who united the community members and inspired them to work together to solve problems as they arose. Poverty stricken families in this community are no longer dreading the rapidly approaching rainy season, since their homes are now protected by the dike.



